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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of April 9, 2014

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission offices, 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Ethridge King, Chair, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Larry Ward, Executive Director Tanya Ford, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman, and Ethan Cobb, a member of the public. Commissioner Sheinfeld did not attend.

I: MINUTES

The Minutes of March 26, 2014 were reviewed.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of March 26, 2014 with corrections

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner King

The Motion passed: 3-0

II: REPORTS

Executive Director's Report [see attached]

The Executive Director reported that a second mailing of the Census forms to households that have not responded to the first mailing went out on Monday, April 7, 2014.

The Executive Director reported that her response to the City Council's request for an opinion had been delivered to them. The Council requested an assessment of the steps that would be necessary if the City changed the distribution of surplus votes from a Random Draw system to a Fractional Transfer system in municipal elections. The Council will discuss the matter at the May 5, 2014 meeting. The Commissioners stated that they would attend the meeting to be available should there be any questions.

The Executive Director reminded the Commissioners that the Budget Hearing was scheduled for May 8, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Executive Director reported that LHS would be attending the meeting on April 23, 2014 to demonstrate the Image Cast Precinct Tabulators.

The Executive Director reported that the following dates had been chosen (preliminarily, pending the availability of the Senior Center) for the up-coming Primary and General elections: August 16th and August 19th for the Primary and either October 18th and October 21st or October 11th and October 14th for the General Election.

Assistant Director's Report [see attached]

The Assistant Director reported that the SFI^s are due to go out at the end of April. The only change is the year. They can be completed online as before.

The Assistant Director reported she had, as required by City ordinance, sent a letter to each of the Democratic and Republican City Committee Chairs requesting them to ask their members to contact the Election Commission if they wished to work as election workers.

The Assistant Director reported that she has received no response to the letters she wrote to the ten voters registered at 955 Massachusetts Avenue instructing them that they must be registered at a residential address, not at a box in a UPS Store. A mail-in voter registration affidavit is included with the letters so that the voters may make the necessary changes. None have been returned. The Commissioners agreed that the Board would wait until mid-May for them to respond, at which point, if nothing is received, the Commission will proceed with a hearing to resolve the matter.

The Assistant Director reported no voters were registered at the address of the UPS Store at 1770 Massachusetts Avenue.

Commissioner Reports

There were no Commissioners' reports.

III: ACTION AGENDA

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Motion: To adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

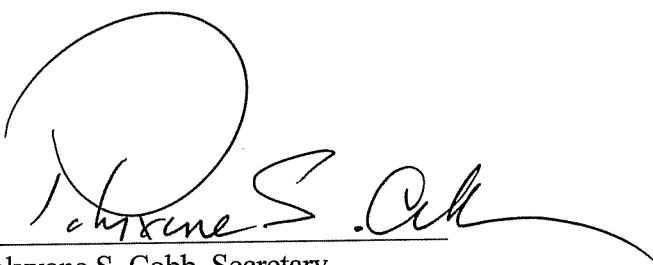
Moved: Commissioner King

Seconded: Commissioner Ward

The Motion passed: 3-0

A True Record

Attested by: _____


Polyxane S. Cobb, Secretary